

The Watchman and Southron.

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CHANGES IN SCHOOL BOOKS UNDESIRABLE.

We republished in our issue of August 22d, an article from the *Bennettville Pee Dee Advocate* that should be read by all who are interested in the welfare of the public school system of the State. The State Board of Education will meet within a short time to adopt a list of books to be used for a term of years in the public schools of the State, and if an entirely new list of books should be adopted the people of the State would be put to very heavy and unnecessary expense. The school books now in the hands of the school children have value only so long as their use is permitted in the public schools; the day that a new list is adopted and a change ordered they will become practically useless and valueless, for even if an exchange is arranged the old books will be taken in part payment only, and almost the full value of the new books will have to be paid in cash. This is the dollar and cents side of the question, and it will appeal more strongly to the average man, who has to find the yearly purchase of school books a serious tax, than any other. The State Board in adopting a list should take this matter into consideration and should displace the books now in use only when they have been found to be unsuited to class work or inaccurate, unreliable or partisan. When the books have given satisfaction are as well printed, and are as cheap as other books and have the endorsement of practical and successful teachers there should be no change unless there are new books of such superior merit that to deprive the schools of their use would be a positive injury. There is neither reason nor excuse for sweeping changes every year or so, and we trust the State Board will make as few changes in the list as possible. We can and do endorse all that has been said by the editor of the *Pee Dee Advocate* (who is the superintendent of education of Marlboro county) in praise of Hensell's Histories, Maury's Geographies and Holmes' Readers. The histories are decidedly the best for use in any school, for they are accurate, truthful and non-partisan—they are United States histories, not histories from a northern or southern point of view containing garbled statements to make out a case. And the plain truth is what the south wants taught in her schools. For practical and successful results in the class room no other series of geographies that we have used or examined can compare with Maury's, and those that most nearly approach Maury's in excellence have adopted Maury's ideas. Holmes' Readers were prepared by a scholarly southerner for use in southern schools, and the selections are made largely from the writings of southern authors, and teachers commend them by saying they are teachable books and interest the pupils.

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I was the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw in an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one of the very best medicines we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. — Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

In nothing else as in the words we habitually use in the common talk of daily life do we show so plainly our lack of refinement, our culture or the degree of it, and the place on which our thoughts move. It is therefore worth our while, do you not see, to take some pains with our conversation, not in such a way as to make us seem stiff and pedantic, but to recognize the fact that here, as in other departments of life and learning, it is training that tells in results. — September Ladies' Home Journal.

THE STATE ELECTION.

Columbia, Aug 29 —On returns of about 42,000 votes Senator Tillman received 29,054; McSweeney 16,667; Hoyt 16,744; Gary 5,297; Patterson 2,898; Whitman 196; Sloan 7,239; Blease 5,723; Winkler 5,531; Livingston 6,419; J. H. Tillman 11,864; McMahon 22,214; Capers 13,291; Derham 27,124; Brooker 8,432; Floyd 33,520; Rouse 6,539; W. D. Evans 9,092; Wharton 4,384; B. B. Evans 5,560; Mayfield 5,269; Pettigrew 2,460; Berry 4,359; Etheredge 1,806.

As far as solicitors were reported Muller is running behind Thurmond, Boggs ahead of Mooney. Johnson seems certain of winning from Brown in the Fourth circuit, while in the Sixth, Henry may go in on the first ballot, defeating both Hough and McDow, who come in the order named.

Of the 12,232 votes reported in the Fourth district Johnson received 7,652 and Wilson 5,181.

In the Fifth Strait 3,291 to Finley's 4,324.

In the Sixth Scarborough has 2,900; Norton 2,293; Eilerbe 1,261.

In the Third district Latimer has 5,915; Wyche 1,880; Verner 611.

State Treasurer Timmerman has been signally defeated by Capt. R. H. Jennings of Fairfield, a one armed Confederate veteran.

Comptroller General Derham has had no difficulty in winning against N. W. Brooker.

Superintendent of Education McMan has emerged successful from his spirited contest with Mr. Ellison Capers, Jr.

Adjutant General Floyd led a stern chase and a long chase to Dr. Geo. D. Rouse of Charleston.

The undecided contests are for governor, lieutenant governor and railroad commissioner. In the race for the governorship Col. Hoyt has a lead over Gov. McSweeney, Mr. Gary is third, Mr. Patterson a bad fourth and the Hon. G. Walt Whitman an almost imperceptible fifth.

For lieutenant governor Col. Jim Tillman has run as if the Leech Lake Indians were after him and will be in the second race, with Col. Sloan of Richland as his probable competitor.

It cannot be even reasonably guessed, from the returns at hand, who will be in the next running for railroad commissioner.

Joseph T. Johnson seems to have been nominated by a good majority for congressman from the Fourth district, defeating Stanyarne Wilson, the incumbent.

A. C. Latimer, of Anderson, is renominated in the Third district over two competitors.

D. E. Finley, of York, appears to have won a renomination in the Fifth district over Dr. T. J. Strai.

R. B. Scarborough, of Horry, leads Congressman Norton, of Marion, in the Sixth district, but Mr. J. E. Elderbe, of Marion, has secured votes enough to make a second race between Scarborough and Norton necessary.

The other congressmen were unopposed.

Senator Tillman has been "scratched" to his heart's content. Charleston is the only county where the vote for him does not show a heavy falling off from the gubernatorial totals.

The vote of the State is unexpectedly light and may not reach 85,000.

NATAL STORES.

New York, Aug 28 —Turpentine weak, 37 3/8 Rosin quiet

Charleston, Aug 28 —Turpentine nothing doing. Rosin quiet, unchanged

Savannah, Aug 28 —Spirits turpentine firm 35 1/2; receipts 1,152; sales 1,651; exports none. Rosin firm, H and below 5 off; receipts 3,197; sales 3,361; exports 664

Wilmington, Aug 28 —Spirits turpentine nothing doing; receipts 65 Rosin nothing doing; receipts 51. Crude turpentine dull 1 20a2 20; receipts 73. Tar quiet 1 40; receipts 44.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, S. C., Aug 28, 1900

For the week ending 8 a. m., Aug 27th, the average State temperature was 85, which is 2 lower than for the previous week, but the departure from the normal was fully as great. The week's maximum was 106, and minimum was 67 degrees.

Scattered showers, some heavy but most of them moderate or light, occurred over the entire State in places. The area that received sufficient rainfall is small, and over by far the greater portion of the State the drought continues with increased severity. Damaging hail fell in Dorchester, Edgefield, Newberry, Pickens and Sumter counties. High winds accompanied the thunderstorms at a number of points.

There was no general improvement in crops; on the contrary, the reports indicate further deterioration, except over the limited areas where the rains were heavy, and at such points the damage was checked.

The corn crop is very poor, and late corn is ruined. Many stalks have no ears, and the blades, tassels and silk of such that began to ear early this month are dried up. Early fodder was saved in good condition, but late fodder amounts to little.

Cotton continues to shed both leaves and bolls, and to open prematurely. It is making no growth, nor is it fruiting. Where the showers were followed by bright sunshine, cotton was scalded. Picking is general, but is retarded by the hot weather. Sea island cotton is suffering severely from drought, premature opening, and blight.

Cow peas and sweet potatoes improved slightly where the rainfall was heavy, but their general condition is less promising. Pastures and gardens are parched. River rice alone is doing well, and harvest is underway in the southerly sections. Upland rice is almost a failure. In places stock water is scarce and cattle are suffering. Forage crops of all kinds are poor. It is generally too dry to sow turkeys.

CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Clarendon—Clarendon: Hot and dry; all crops burnt up; cotton opening prematurely; young corn ruined; the poorest crops ever known, and farmers very gloomy.—J. R. Griffin.

Darlington—Darlington: Rain on 22d and 23d moderated the temperature somewhat, though the rainfall was insufficient; cotton still opening fast; corn, sweet potatoes and forage crops are the poorest ever seen by the writer; upland rice will yield less than the seed planted.—W. J. Rodgers.

Florence—Florence: Good rain on 22d, which will help minor crops somewhat, but all crops are about ruined by the extreme heat and drought; corn will not make more than one-third, and cotton half of a crop.—J. C. Wilson.

Kershaw—Camden: Rain this week made slight improvement in young crops, but came too late for old crops; we may yet make half a crop.—B. Ammons.

Sumter—Hagood: Heavy rain Wednesday night; it came too late to do much good but will help late crops, and peas, potatoes, and sugar cane; the hot spell is injurious to crops of all kinds; cotton will not make over half a crop; late corn has been badly damaged.—A. K. Sanders.

Orangeburg—Cameron: No rain for weeks; all crops seriously injured; cotton cannot make more than half a crop; half grown bolls opening; list very short; in some fields nearly all is open, shedding or dying.—J. W. Summers, M. D.

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Present Cotton Situation.

Statement From President of Growers Protective Association.

The present growing crop will fall far short of supplying demand for the next twelve months. There have been consumed within the last year more than 11,000,000 bales of American cotton. The surplus of 2,000,000 bales, carried over from crop of 1898, and 9,250,000 bales, made in 1899 have been completely exhausted in one year. We cannot hope to harvest more than 10,000,000 bales the coming season. This will show the legitimate demand for cotton during the next twelve months by the mills, 1,500,000 bales, including the annual increase in consumption of 250,000 bales. The crop in India amounts yearly to about 2,000,000 bales, but it is now estimated that the crop in that country is cut off three fourths this year, and that the yield will be not more than 500,000 bales.

This shortage of a million and a half and the same in America will cut down the supply for the next twelve months 3,000,000 bales. This is an enormous reduction in the world's supply of cotton, and will be heavily felt in the demand for cotton goods before another crop be planted, cultivated, and harvested. The demand for cotton goods is as strong today as at any time past, and the prices for the finished fabric are higher today than twelve months ago.

THE CHINESE WAR

The recent riots in a single province of the Chinese empire, in which the cities of Tien Tsin and Peking are located, have been used as a lever to depress prices of raw cotton in this country. Without a correct knowledge of the situation, our people have been led to believe that our military troubles in the far east would seriously affect the demand for raw cotton. The speculators even went so far as to discount prices in advance, on the grounds of imaginary impending dangers, and with the hope that the producers would not find out the truth.

The trade in Hong Kong, the principal cotton market in China, has not been disturbed nor has there been any trouble in Shanghai, or any other seaport cities. As a matter of fact, the whole Chinese empire has never consumed in one year more than 600,000 bales of American cotton, and granting that not a pound of our cotton find its way into that country during the next twelve months, we should still fall short 900,000 bales, as compared with the amount of our cotton consumed during the past twelve months in countries outside of China.

MARKET SLOWLY.

If the crop is rushed on the market in September, and the mills permitted to purchase a 90 days' supply, they will temporarily retire from the market, cut off demand, and depress prices in October. Every cotton producer should determine to market but little of his cotton in September, and institute a system of marketing the crop slowly and through a much longer period than that which has heretofore prevailed. Where farmers owe money, their cotton can be deposited in warehouses, and the receipts placed as collateral security with local banks for funds needed. Our Southern bankers will advance three-fourths the value of all cotton stored at a low rate of interest. Merchants and warehousemen will aid their customers to the full extent of their ability.

CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION.

The producers can control the situation this season by united, determined effort. Not a pound of the present crop should be sold for less than 10 cents, and no legitimate argument can be advanced

in favor of a price less than that for the raw material. The Southern Cotton Growers' Protective association has perfected organization in Georgia and Alabama, with South Carolina calling a State convention for the same purpose at Greenwood, Sept. 12th. This movement, only started in June, combining the farmers, bankers, merchants, and business men generally of the south, for the purpose of securing correct estimates of the crop, finding out the true value of the staple, and forcing the payment of a fair price by the buyers, is rapidly growing in strength, and the press of the south will be a powerful factor in helping the producers to obtain high prices this season. The entire south will be organized in another season, and depressing influences of false reports, made by such men as Neill, will be things of the past. What is needed the most at this time, is to let the the farmers know the truth, and impress upon them the importance of demanding a high price for the staple this season, and enforcing that demand by marketing slowly.

The crop reports from every State are gloomy, and with a demand which will far exceed the supply, I ask you to join me in the effort to protect the people from the speculators, who are now using every device known to humor ingenuity to depress prices based on imaginary conditions.

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One lot with building thereon in the city of Sumter, county of Sumter, State of South Carolina, bounded by lands of E. D. Peterson, Albert Williams and by Bartlett street of said city, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Rose James at the separate suits of the State and the City of Sumter for taxes.

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All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Bishopville township, Sumter county, State of South Carolina, containing one lot and bounded on the north by lands of Mrs. Minnie Heaton, west by lands of estate of Ned Williams, south by lands of Liah Carter, east by lands of Skinner Wilson, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Jack Mingo at the suit of the State for taxes.

One lot with building thereon in the town of Bishopville, Bishopville township, Sumter county, State of South Carolina, and bounded by lands of M. L. Parrott, Tom Burkett, Rollie Stuckey and W. F. B. Haynsworth, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Ramsom Anderson at the suit of the State for taxes.

One lot with buildings thereon in the city of Sumter, county of Sumter, State of South Carolina, bounded by lands of Horace Harby and Miss Julia DesChamps and by Calhoun street of said city, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Mrs. L. J. Sherrill at the separate suits of the State and the City of Sumter for taxes.

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